

**IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

(There are no amendments to the claims; however, for the convenience of the Examiner, all of the pending claims and appropriate status identifiers are presented below)

1. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine comprising:  
a variable display device for variably displaying designs; and  
a front display device disposed in front of the variable display device,  
wherein the front display device includes an electrical display device for  
allowing said variable display device to be observed therethrough and a rear holder  
for holding the electrical display device from a rear side thereof, the rear holder  
having one or more windows allowing the designs variably displayed in said variable  
display device to be observed, and that the peripheral corner portions in the rear side  
of the windows are removed therefrom.
2. (Previously Presented) The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein  
said variable display device is one or more rotatable reels each having a reel  
band thereon, on which said designs are drawn.
3. (Original) The reel-based gaming machine according to claims 1 or 2,  
wherein the gaming machine is a slot machine.
4. (Previously Presented) A gaming machine comprising:  
a variable display device for variably displaying designs; and  
a front display device disposed in front of the variable display device,  
wherein the front display device includes an electrical display device for  
allowing said variable display device to be observed therethrough and a rear holder  
for holding the electrical display device from a rear side thereof, the rear holder  
having a front face and a rear face defining a thickness therebetween and having one  
or more windows for allowing the designs variably displayed in said variable display

device to be observed, each window having a first recessed portion formed into the front face and a second recessed portion formed into the rear face and being larger than the first recessed portion, an interface of the first and second recessed portions defining a stepped-down rear holder surface disposed between the front face and the rear face such that the stepped-down rear holder surface surrounds the first recessed portion.